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DEPT PASS EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN, GB

SUBJ: GOG REQUEST FOR EXIMBANK FINANCING OF BOEING

AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 087533

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1. INFORMED PRESIDENT BONGO APRIL 22 OF EXIMBANK DECISION AND PROVIDED GREATER DETAIL APRIL 26 TO SECSTATE FOR FINANCE PASCAL NZE. BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR POSITIVE ACTION BY EXIMBANK WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF AIR GABON AS PLANNED.

2. SECSTATE FOR FINANCE NZE INDICATED MILD UNHAPPINESS THAT EXIMBANK HAD NOT AGREED TO FINANCE 42.5 PERCENT OF PROPOSED SALE AS INITIALLY REQUESTED, BUT WAS REASSURED BY CITIBANK REPRESENTATIVE ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING THAT 30 PERCENT EXIMBANK GUARANTEE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT SYNDICATION OF ENTIRE AMOUNT NEEDED. NZE ASKED CITIBANK TO PROCEED PROMPTLY WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FINANCING, AND PROMISED CONFIRM REQUEST IN WRITING AS SOON AS PC RECEIVED  
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3. COMMENT: AS NZE OBSERVED, GOG HAD NO IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSED FINANCING PACKAGE WITH EXIMBANK PARTICIPATION, SO THAT ABILITY OF GABONESE

TO CARRY OUT PLANS FOR AIR GABON ON SCHEDULE WAS TOTALLY  
DEPENDENT ON EXIMBANK DECISION. THUS, POSITIVE EXIMBANK  
DECISION HAS OCCASIONED COLLECTIVE GOG SIGH OF RELIEF,  
AND KEEPS WAY CLEAR FOR SIGNIFICANT US ROLE IN DEVELOP-  
MENT OF AIR GABON. STEIGMAN

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